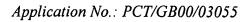
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- 2. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1 wherein the passage has a capacity great enough to contain liquid without any of said liquid reaching an exit of said cup and therefore spilling.
- 3. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passage has a volume that is greater than the maximum value of HxV.
- 4. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detachable member is in the form of a plug which fits into the inside of the spout and is sealingly engaged thereto.
- 5. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug has an elongate channel on its surface which, in cooperation with the inside of the spout, forms the passage.
- 6. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 5, wherein the channel is formed on the inside of the spout or on both the spout and the plug.
- 7. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is easily removable and replaceable by a user to enable the passage to be exposed for mechanical cleaning.
- 8. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is made from a resiliently compressible material, such as an elastomer.
- 9. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid has a spout located eccentrically so as to be convenient for drinking from.
- 10. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 9 wherein the spout is in the shape of a truncated cone, with a small bore at the top, and a detachable member, in the form of a plug, that has a helical channel around its exterior surface and has an outline matching an inside of a cavity of the spout.
- 11. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diameter of the passage is such that air is prevented from entering past the liquid and wherein said diameter has a maximum diameter of approximately 3mm.



12. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, having a capacity of 200cc and wherein the capacity of the passage is about 1.2 cc.